

CROOMS, LISA

On April 28, 2011, Professor Crooms was a panelist at “Advancing Human Rights and Justice for All: A Symposium Celebrating Legal Aid’s 100th Anniversary.” The symposium was jointly presented by the University of Baltimore and University of Maryland Schools of Law. The title of Professor Crooms’ panel was “Using Enforceable Human Rights to Represent Poor People.”

On April 29, 2011, Professor Crooms was a plenary panel keynote speaker at American University’s Conference, “The Obama Administration and Human Rights.” The panel, “The Obama Administration and Human Rights at Home and Abroad,” was moderated by Dr. Louis Goodman (Dean, American University School of International Service) and featured Professor Crooms, Adotei Akwei (Managing Director for Governmental Relations, Amnesty International, USA), Maria McFarland (Deputy Washington Director, Human Rights Watch), and Anthony Romero (Executive Director, ACLU).

***ECHOLS, MARSHA***

Professor Echols has been invited by HEC in Paris, France (a leading global business school) to lecture about International Trade Law.

GAVIL, ANDREW

At the invitation of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, Professor Gavil will be participating as a Non-Governmental Adviser in the 10th Annual Conference of the International Competition Network (“ICN”), The Hague, Netherlands, from May 17-20, 2011. In addition, on May 20th he will be a presenter as part of a roundtable discussion of the keynote speaker presentations at the 7th Annual Competition & Regulation Conference, Amsterdam Center for Law and Economics (“ACLE”), University of Amsterdam. The conference topic is: *Competition Policy for Emerging Economies: When and How?*

On June 3, 2011, Professor Gavil will be presenting his forthcoming article, *Moving Beyond Characterization and Caricature: The Modern Rule of Reason in Practice*, as part of a symposium sponsored by the Competition Law Center at the George Washington University School of Law. The Symposium topic is “100 Years of *Standard Oil*” and the conference papers will be published in the *Southern California Law Review*.

From June 17-18, 2011, Professor Gavil will be attending and participating in the 16th Annual EU Competition Law and Policy Workshop, Fiesole, Italy, sponsored by the European University Institute. The conference topic is *Integrating Public and Private Enforcement of Competition Law: Implications for Courts and Agencies*. He will be a presenter on the introductory panel: *Designing an Integrated, Balanced System: Damages, Deterrence, Leniency and the Rights of (Current and Future) Litigants*. The papers from the conference will be published by Hart of Oxford in its European Competition Law Annual series.

On June 30th, he will also be participating as a principal presenter in a roundtable discussion on *Ex Post Evaluation of Merger Decisions by Competition Authorities*, sponsored by the OECD Competition Committee in Paris, France.



LA RUE, HOMER

Professor La Rue presented a workshop at the recent ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Conference in Denver, CO. He and two other panelists made presentations on how to use the film, *The Story of Qiu Ju*, as a teaching and training tool for mediation. The workshop was entitled: **Art Imitates Life - What *The Story of Qiu Ju* Teaches Us About Mediator Competency**. Professor La Rue's presentation related the film to forgiveness theory, based on the research and writing of Dr. Fred Luskin, author of *Forgive For Good: A Proven Prescription for Health and Happiness*. The title of Professor La Rue's presentation was: *What Does Forgiveness Have To Do With It: What Mediators Can Learn from Forgiveness Theory As Seen Through the Story of Qiu Ju*.

Professor La Rue was assisted in the development of the workshop by two students from the University of Maine, who took classes here at the Law School this semester as part of our student exchange program with Maine and who audited the ADR Clinic this semester. Professor La Rue would like to thank Aminata Kamara and Mosunmola Modupe for their assistance on this project.



LAWSON, WARNER

Professor Lawson received a special award from the Chair of the Faculty Senate for "serving the Senate in exemplary ways over the years."

Also, Professor Lawson was appointed a member and sub-committee chair of President Sidney Ribeau's Faculty Handbook Revision Committee.



ROSS, JOSEPHINE

On April 8, 2011 Professor Ross spoke at a symposium at Michigan State University named “*Moving Beyond ‘Racial Blindsight’? The Influence of Social Science Evidence after the North Carolina Racial Justice Act.*” The event honored David Baldus whose exposure of racial bias in the administration of the death penalty was considered in the seminal Supreme Court case of *McCleskey v. Kemp*. Professor Ross’ talk was titled “*The Consent Exception to Search and Seizure, Measuring the Reasonable Person.*”

Professor Ross and Mr. Peter Steadman, Public Interest Fellow in the Clinic, also led a successful trip to Chicago for Alternative Spring Break. They created a new model for teaching inner city youth that took advantage of expertise in the education field and did not attempt to mirror the year-long Marshall Brennan program. The law students were enthusiastically received in three inner-city schools as they put on workshops for a variety of classes, from Freshman English to students in detention. Law students taught about Exonerations through DNA using a jeopardy game, the Jury Trial right using *To Kill a Mockingbird* coupled with jury simulations, Cyber bullying using an Oxford style debate, and Search and Seizure and Miranda law using student participants in role plays. Students continuously improved their workshops, finding what worked best, and tailoring them to the varied audiences before them. Their goals were to instill some enthusiasm for the legal issues of our day and the rights embedded in the constitution along with encouraging the high school students to go to college and even law school. They collaborated with the National College of Education at National-Louis University in Chicago who helped open doors as well as brainstorming teaching methods.

TASLITZ, ANDREW

Professor Andrew E. Taslitz has just published *Prosecuting the Informant Culture*, 109 MICH. L. REV. 1077 (2011). He also served as a speaker on “WMATA Subway Searches and the Right to Locomotion,” University of the District of Columbia, as part of an ACLU-Sponsored Symposium on Subway Searches on Metro in DC, on April 7, 2011.

Professor Taslitz also participated as a Council member in the latest meeting of the ABA Criminal Justice Section’s Governing Council in Miami, Fl., and he participated as chair in a recent meeting of the Editorial Board of the publication, *Criminal Justice*. Additionally, he has accepted an invitation to speak at the Fifth Criminal Procedure Discussion Forum at Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey), at a symposium on privacy and technology, on May 21-22, 2012.

Professor Taslitz also published *Privacy and Technological Evidence*, in *THE FUTURE OF EVIDENCE* (ABA Publications 2011).

Professor Taslitz has also just signed a contract to publish *Teaching Criminal Law*, in *Law School Teaching: A Primer for New (or Not So New) Professors* (forthcoming Aspen Legal Education 2012).

**WORTHY, PATRICIA**

Professor Worthy was named Student Bar Association (SBA) Faculty Member of the Year.



SCHMOKE, KURT L.
DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL

On April 5th, Dean Schmoke participated in a symposium sponsored by Howard University and the Congressional Black Caucus. The symposium was held to recognize 40 years of achievement of the Congressional Black Caucus. Dean Schmoke participated on a panel entitled, *The Reagan Years*, which was a review of the Black Caucus and their contributions to national policy during the Reagan administration.

On April 22nd, the Dean was invited to do an on-camera interview with Chuck Stokes, WXYZ-TV/ Channel 7 (Detroit). The interview will be included in the 2011 Ford Freedom Award TV special honoring Judge Damon Keith and Judge Constance Baker Motley. The program, *Constance Baker Motley & Damon Keith: Champions of Justice* will air on Saturday, May 14th on WXYZ-TV. The special is sponsored by the Ford Motor Company and Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Dean Schmoke was invited by County Executive Ike Leggett to be the keynote speaker at the NAACP 36th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner in Montgomery County on Sunday, May 1st. The theme for the evening was *"One Nation - One Dream"* and was held at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center.



OKIANER CHRISTIAN DARK
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Associate Dean Dark attended the LSAC Test, Development and Research Committee meeting in San Francisco, CA in March 2011. This is the standing committee of LSAC primarily concerned with the LSAT. She has been a member of this committee for the past six years.

She gave a lecture on "Legal Issues on Health Law" for the Health Ethics class at the Howard University Medical School on March 9, 2011.

In March and April, 2011, Associate Dean Dark convened a working group of representatives from Montgomery County Hospitals and the Advisory Board of Montgomery Cares Program to continue working on expanding specialty care in 10 specialties for low-income residents of the County who participate in the Montgomery Cares Program.

In June, she will be a commentator on a paper presented at the AALS Mid-year Conference "Women Rethinking Equality" in Washington, D.C.

Associate Dean Dark is the Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2011 AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers, Workshop for Pretenured People of Color Law School Teachers and Workshop for Beginning Legal Writing Teachers. These June conferences will be held in Washington, D.C.

Also, in March, she was an honored as one of the "Women Making History" at the Women's History Month Program at Abundant Life AME Church in Columbia, MD.

Associate Dean Dark received the SBA Administrator of the Year award at the CALI Awards program in April.

Associate Dean Dark also received the Pauline Murray Outstanding Woman Leader Award from the Women Law Students Association in April.